



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Nora Campos
DATE: November 19, 2008

Approved

Nora Campos

Date

11/19/2008

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

BACKGROUND

New Expenditure/Reinstatement

Program/Project Title: Two FT Inspectors to Conduct Proactive Code Enforcement in SNI areas and NBDs

RDA Project Area: Strong Neighborhoods Initiative areas and Neighborhood Business Districts

Amount of Agency Funding Required: \$ 188,052

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Agency Board Special Improvement Fund

Amount of Agency Funding Change: \$ 188,052

This change is: One-time X Ongoing

Anticipated Outcomes. Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc. in accordance with one of the following goals and objectives relevant to the City's redevelopment efforts:

- ☐ Create Jobs and Expand Business
- ☐ Build Public Facilities
- X Strong Neighborhoods Initiative and Affordable Housing

Several full-time positions have been cut from the Code Enforcement division over the last few years, leading to a reduction in services and the elimination of proactive code enforcement, ultimately resulting in a dramatic increase in blight citywide. The impact in Strong Neighborhood Initiative areas has been especially noticeable. On a recent three-hour tour of the Mayfair and East Valley/680 SNI areas, my staff documented over 130 blatant code violations, including 50 inoperable vehicles on private property, 25 properties with unpermitted, temporary parking structures, 40 general blight cases ranging from landscaping issues to couches on lawns, and 20 properties with graffiti.

Strict reliance on complaint-based code enforcement is clearly not working sufficiently in several of our SNI areas. Many of our residents evaluate the performance of the City based on the elimination of

simple code violations and blight. By adding two full-time code enforcement officers to proactively target SNI areas, the City will be able to improve the look and feel of our neighborhoods, thereby enhancing community pride and public confidence in the City of San José and the Redevelopment Agency.

Department or Organization Contact: Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.

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